

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 367
By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Kevin Clayton upon his winning the Manufactured Housing Institute's 2005 Industry Person of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Kevin Clayton, who recently won the Manufactured Housing Institute's 2005 Industry Person of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, as President and Chief Executive Officer of Clayton Homes, Kevin Clayton's family business, located in Blount County, was also named Manufacturer of the Year for the sixth year in a row; and

WHEREAS, this company has received many accolades and acclaim as for the first time, Clayton Homes had three of the company's retail sales locations in California, Louisiana, and Virginia named Retail Sales Centers of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in other recognition, the firm's Bayview home, built in Savannah, was named the best design in the category of Production Single-Section Manufactured Home; this award recognizes excellence in design and engineering, innovation and production, and is judged by an independent panel of architects and building professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Manufactured Housing Institute gives Clayton Homes, headquartered in Alcoa, Tennessee, the highest of praise saying that it is "setting the pace for the rest of the manufactured housing industry"; and

WHEREAS, not content to solely accept the praise and accolades given to Clayton Homes, Kevin Clayton is quick to credit the entire Clayton Homes staff for the firm's success; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable businessman's success can be traced back to his childhood when Kevin Clayton was seven-years-old and worked for seventy-five cents an hour to help his father build an impressive family legacy; and

WHEREAS, Clayton Homes founder and Kevin's father, Jim Clayton, established a heritage that Kevin Clayton continues today. Kevin Clayton has diligently and meritoriously worked in each of the company's five main business divisions before becoming CEO of Clayton Homes in June of 1999; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with Clayton Homes, Kevin Clayton still finds time to devote to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Clayton epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Kevin Clayton for his courageous ambition and professional drive, which have led to a successful business venture in Clayton Homes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Kevin Clayton, winner of the Manufactured Housing Institute's 2005 Industry Person of the Year Award, for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.